Precedence: ROUTINE **Date:** 09/17/1996

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From: Miami

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: 174C-360 (L)

Title: Ricardo Lopez, Suicide;
Mailing of Improvised Dispersal Device (IDD), 9/12/96;
Hollywood Police Department (HPD) Investigation.

Synopsis: On 9/16/96, Ricardo Lopez' body was discovered, and reported to the HPD. Lopez committed suicide on, or about, 9/12/96, after mailing an IDD to Bjork, an Icelandic Rock and Roll female singer. The IDD, in the form of a book, was intercepted and destroyed by [redacted] b7D

The conclusions of the investigating Special Agent Bomb Technician's (SABT) are as follows;

1. The case is a stalking matter.
2. There are no threats against the FBI.
3. There is no terrorism connection.
4. There were no explosives found in the apartment.
5. The device is an IDD.

Details: On 9/16/96, the body of Ricardo Lopez, white male, date of birth 1/14/75, was discovered at his residence, 2401 Van Buren St., Apartment A, Hollywood, Florida, and reported to the HPD. On or about 9/12/96, Lopez committed suicide with a .38 Special revolver, after mailing an improvised explosive device (IED) to Bjork, an Icelandic Rock and Roll female singer, in London, England. SABT [redacted] responded to the crime scene. b6 b7C

Found at the crime scene were references to the FBI written on the walls, and video tapes made by Lopez. Lopez wrote on the walls that the FBI should be contacted regarding his alleged act of terrorism. The video tapes were basically rambling statements about his fixation with Bjork, and the construction of the IED, when opened, would disperse, or spray, sulfuric acid on the addressee, Bjork. At the conclusion of the final tape, Lopez displays the completed IED, and then commits suicide.

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On 9/17/96, SABT's [redacted] interviewed the HPD Homicide Detective (DET) assigned to the case. DET from

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[redacted] advised the interviewing SABT's of the following:

1. Upon review of the tapes, [redacted] was contacted, and advised of the threat against Bjork's life. b7D

2. [redacted] intercepted the package at a South London post office. After x-raying the package, the determination was apparently made that the components of an IED were present, and disrupted the package. At this time, there is no information that the IED would have functioned.

3. [redacted] investigators are Sergeant [redacted] (rank unknown). Contact telephone number is [redacted] b6 b7C

4. Postal Inspector (PI) [redacted] U S Postal Service, is also investigating the case.

5. Bjork's mailing address is [redacted]

6. There are no threats against the FBI.

8. There is no terrorism connection.

9. There were no explosives found in the apartment.

10. Lopez has no known explosives handling experience, and no explosives books, or manuals, were found at his apartment.

SABT [redacted] SABT [redacted], and DET [redacted] all agreed that the Lopez case is a stalking matter and the IED is more accurately described as an IDD.

DET [redacted] will provide the FBI with copies of the videotape and the crime scene photographs.

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